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teresting; as is also the light thrown upon the distribution of this pretty form of the water-lily. C. F. MILLSPAUGH.

Notes on Scabiosa australis and Reseda alba. Referring to Mr. Redfield's note in the BULLETIN regarding *Scabiosa australis*, Wulf., I think it may be of interest to report an additional station for it. I found it September 27, 1889, at Lisle, Broome county, N. Y., perhaps twenty or thirty rods south of the D. L. & W. Station, on the east side of the track, on the railroad ground, where it was well established, having taken entire possession of the ground for several rods, and in two or three different patches. I have noticed it several times since as I was passing on the train, the last time being only three weeks ago, and it seems to be still spreading. On the date above mentioned I sent some of it to Dr. Watson, and under date of September 30th he writes: "It is naturalized in several places in central New York and Pennsylvania and perhaps should go into the Manual." I have thought sometimes that my calling attention to it just before the issuing of the Manual was the reason it appeared in the appendix.

I found in June, 1890, *Reseda alba*, L., growing by the side of the street in Youngstown, O. As it is not a plant that any one would cultivate for either its beauty or its fragrance, I could not consider it an escape from a garden, and wondered how it got there. There were a dozen or more plants, but I have not had opportunity since to learn if it persists in the same place or not; I will try and learn next summer. Has it been reported before?

R. H. INGHAM.

NILES, OHIO, Nov. 24, 1892.

[*Reseda alba*, L. is reported in Mr. David F. Day's Catalogue of the Plants of Buffalo, N. Y., as "spontaneous in gardens and escaping."—ED.]

Proceedings of the Club.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH, 1892.

The President in the chair and thirty-six persons present.

Dr. Britton reported a communication from E. W. McCabe to the effect that the late Miss Phoebe McCabe had expressed a wish that upon her death her herbarium should pass into the possession of the Club, for which she had always entertained a deep regard. Dr. Britton remarked upon the energy with which she had collected

the flora of the region about White Plains, N. Y. It was unanimously resolved to accept the collection.

The following were elected active members: Miss Emma J. Thompson, Dr. O. G. Harrison, Mr. C. C. Curtiss, Miss Effie A. Southworth, Miss Jean K. Howell, Miss Theresa Gertrude Williamson, Miss Helen M. Ingersoll and Mr. Frank A. Pollard.

The first paper of the evening, entitled "The Flora of Willoughby Lake and Mountain," was then read by Dr. Rusby. The paper was illustrated by a number of lantern views.

The President remarked that the paper was very interesting in its reference to new forms. Dr. Britton said that the reference to *Campanula rotundifolia* recalled his observations in New York and elsewhere that this species grew not alone on rocky banks, but in meadows. Dr. Rusby replied that this was true to a limited extent at Willoughby, and that the banks upon which it grew were themselves grassy. Miss Kellogg confirmed this statement. Mrs. Britton stated that along the Intercolonial Railway in Nova Scotia she had noticed plants three feet high growing in thick grass.

The second paper, entitled "The Seeds of Some Native Orchids," illustrated by drawings and microscope slides, was then read by Mr. Carlton C. Curtiss.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1892.

Dr. Britton announced to the Club the death of Dr. John S. Newberry, for many years president of the Club, which took place on December 7th, after a prolonged illness. Dr. Britton remarked on the invaluable services rendered to botanical science by Dr. Newberry. A committee consisting of the president, Dr. Allen and Dr. Britton was appointed to prepare an account of his life and works for publication in the BULLETIN.

Miss Helen Desmond Nelson was elected an active member and Prof. George B. Aiton, of Minneapolis, Minn., a corresponding member.

Reading of communications followed, the first being a paper by Dr. Emily L. Gregory, entitled, "Notes on *Riccia*." Some valuable additions were made to our knowledge of the history of

R. natans. The paper was illustrated by blackboard drawings and by specimens preserved in alcohol.

The second paper was then read by Dr. N. L. Britton and was entitled, "Notes on some Interesting Plants of the Adirondack Mountains," illustrated by copious specimens. The president remarked upon the evidence presented by this paper of the great importance of carefully exploring well-known localities. Every such exploration, of which an account has been presented to the Club, had resulted in bringing to light new facts of importance. Dr. Britton then read a short paper "On *Rusbya*, a new Genus of Vacciniaceæ from Bolivia." The paper was illustrated by specimens of two species, as well as by a number of other interesting members of this family from the same region. Special interest centered in the question as to whether these plants were really parasitical or not. Dr. Rusby was called upon for some remarks, and expressed the opinion that they were, at most, only partially parasitic. As he had observed these plants growing in the Bolivian Andes, it seemed to him that the group presented indications of being but the remains of a very large group which had formerly existed. Species in the several genera were in a number of cases solitary or few, and other cases showed broad gaps. He had a number of new species and probably a new genus waiting to be described.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1892.

The president in the chair and nineteen persons present.

Dr. Britton exhibited a large work in two volumes on "Seedlings" by Sir John Lubbock, and remarked upon the importance of the subject and the value of the book.

Miss May Bristol was elected an active member.

The announcement paper of the evening, on "Hostile Bacteria," was then read by Prof. H. W. Conn, of Wesleyan University.

Recent Literature Relating to American Botany.

Additions to the Cretaceous Flora of Staten Island. Arthur Hollick. (Proc. Nat. Sci. Assoc. Staten Island, November, 1892.)

Additions to the Flora of the Cape Region of Baja California. T. S. Brandegee. (Proc. Calif. Acad. Sci. (II.) iii. 218, reprint.